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VILLA SCATTERS HIS BANDITS; CLASH AT THE BORDER FEARED

BRITISH ARE DRIVEN BACK ON KUT-EL-AMARA FRONT; TOWNSHEND STILL PENNED IN

**Turks Follow Up Recent Successes
Against Army of Relief, Pierce For-
tified Lines Near the Tigris River
and Capture Zenzir Heights.**

BERLIN, March 17. (By Wireless to Sayville).—The British forces on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara began a general retreat after their defeat near Fehle on March 8, with the Turks in pursuit, according to today's Headquarters report from Constantinople received here.

This is the British force which attempted to relieve the army of Gen. Townshend, which is bottled up at Kut-el-Amara.

The official statement of the Turkish War Office is as follows:

"The enemy, after his defeat near Fehle on March 8, while preparing for a general retreat, attempted to attack by surprise the Turkish right wing, but under the pressure of the centre was forced to desist from the plan and began a general retreat.

"On March 10-11, Turkish troops vigorously pursued the enemy and crossed several lines previously fortified by him. On March 10, Turkish vanguards reached Zenzir Heights, which was fortified. The enemy, considering the Turkish forces insignificant, attacked, but Turkish reinforcements counter-attacked, defeated the British and took 180 prisoners, among whom were five officers, and also captured one machine gun, arms and ammunition."

Crown Prince's Army Defeated In Five Attacks at Verdun

PARIS, March 17.—Important infantry assaults on the French lines east of Verdun were made by the Germans during the night. Five successive onslaughts in force were repulsed by the French. The Germans suffered heavy losses.

The Germans have not yet resumed their activity against the French positions at Mort Homme—Dead Man Hill. Artillery exchanges in the Woëvre district continue, but otherwise there is nothing of importance to report.

Following is the text of today's report from the War Office:

"To the west of the Meuse no bombardment diminished last night in the region of Bethincourt and Cumireux. After the check to the attack of yesterday, the enemy has not resumed his movement on Mort Homme.

"To the east of the Meuse a bombardment was followed, at 8 o'clock last night, by a series of very violent offensive actions, directed against our positions at the village and the fort of Vaux.

"Five successive attacks in large numbers were delivered by the Germans in this region, but without success. Two of them were against the village of Vaux, two others against the slopes leading up to the fort, and the fifth was in an effort to emerge from a protected roadway to the southeast of the village of Vaux.

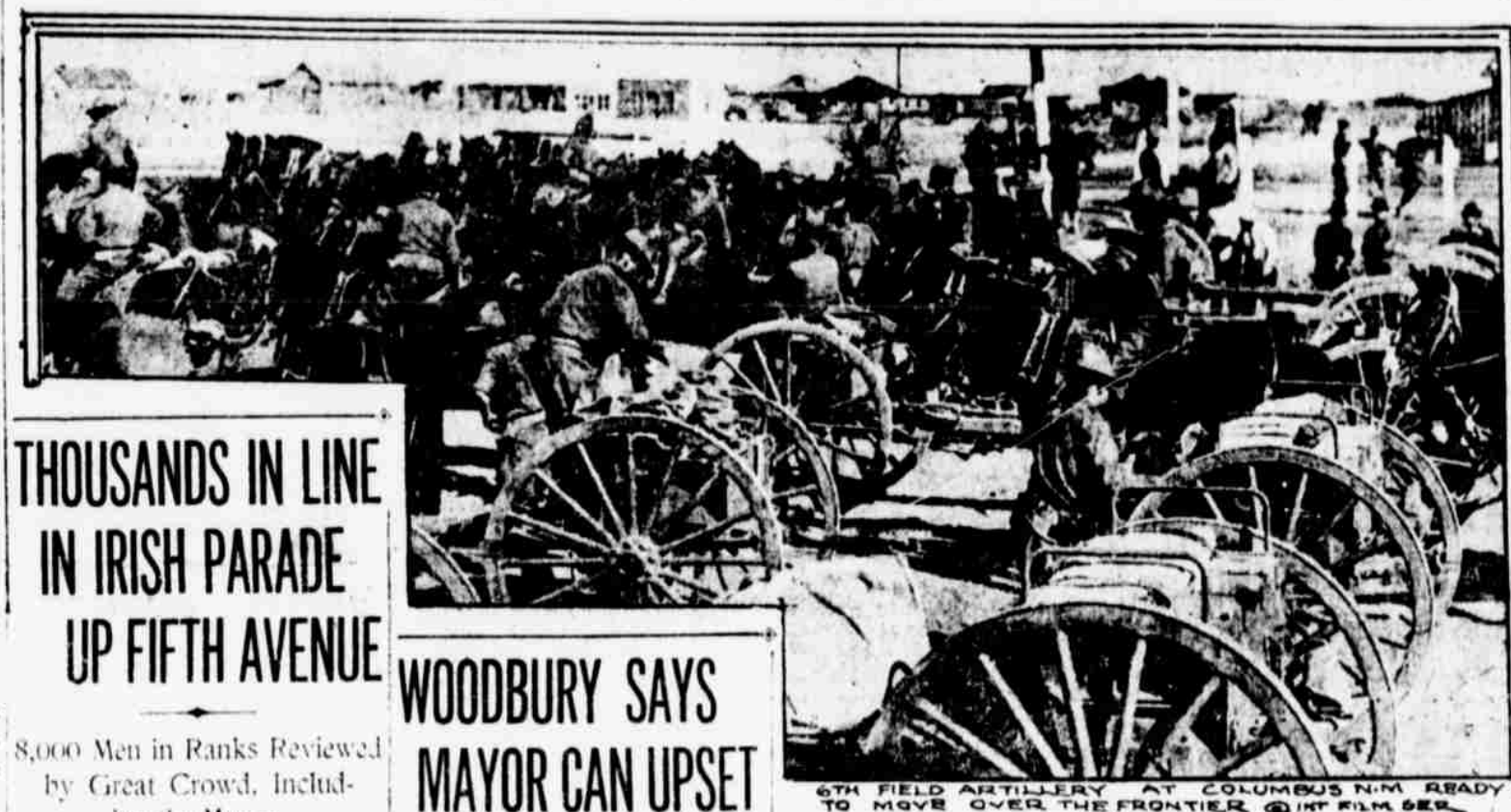
"Every one of these attacks was broken by our curtains of fire, and the fire of our machine guns cost the enemy heavily.

"In the Woëvre district there is nothing to report further than artillery exchanges in all of the sectors to the west of Pont-aux-Lions. A surprise attack against a salient of the enemy lines at the wood of Mortmarre made it possible for us to bring back some prisoners and to inflict some losses on the enemy."

BERLIN STILL CLAIMS PART OF DEAD MAN HILL; REPORTS SUCCESS.

BERLIN, (via London) March 17.—Repulse of two French attacks against our position on Dead Man Hill, was claimed in an official statement from the War Office this after-

Sixth Field Artillery, U. S. A., Making Ready At Columbus, N. M., for Chase After Villa's Army



6TH FIELD ARTILLERY AT COLUMBUS, N. M., READY TO MOVE OVER THE FRONTIER INTO MEXICO.

THOUSANDS IN LINE IN IRISH PARADE UP FIFTH AVENUE

8,000 Men in Ranks Reviewed
by Great Crowd, Including
the Mayor.

The St. Patrick's Day parade started up Fifth Avenue from Forty-second Street at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon with 8,000 marchers in line and Coroner Tim Healy on a prancing charger in the lead, followed by the Sixty-ninth Regiment Band playing tunes dear to the hearts of Erin's sons. What had been promised to be a bad day for the marchers became an ideal one with the bright sunshine and the crowd that lined New York's show avenue six deep.

The Street Cleaning Department had performed its share of making the procession a success, and the avenue was as clean as a ballroom floor. An army of policemen under Inspectors Daly and Morris held the cheering crowd in place.

The parade started without the thorough organization which characterized it in former years, when a united front was presented and the details were worked out weeks in advance. There was little time left for Coroner Timothy Healy and his aide to make arrangements after they were empowered by the courts to conduct the affair. Coroner Healy was the Grand Marshal.

The failure of Cardinal Farley to review the marchers and the non-appearance of the gallant Sixty-ninth and a few other organizations which withdrew because of the lack of harmony, made a big difference in the situation, but Grand Marshal Healy said he had been notified that twenty-five divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians would do much to redeem the affair.

The chief reviewing officer was Mayor Mitchell, who reviewed the paraders from the balcony of the St. Patrick's Day.

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WOODBURY SAYS MAYOR CAN UPSET SUBWAY CONTRACTS

Attorney General Writes He
Can Reopen Case Before
Court of Appeals.

At the hearing of the Thompson Legislative Committee today a letter was read from Attorney General Woodbury stating that he believed Mayor Mitchell could take action that might declare the dual subway contracts illegal. The Mayor, he said, could apply to the Court of Appeals for a reopening of the Admiralty Healy case. This was the suit paid for by the Interborough and which was brought in order to give the contracts a legal status.

The session brought out a strong public sentiment in favor of abolishing the Public Service Commission. There were more than 200 people packed close in the committee room, and most of them were officers of taxpayers' associations in New York and Brooklyn. Every time a speaker addressed Chairman Thompson told of some neglect or discourtesy or evasion by the Public Service Commission the audience applauded loudly.

Travis H. Whitney, Secretary of the commission since it was inaugurated seven years ago and today taking office as a Public Service Commissioner, said:

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NO AIR RAID ON KRUPP'S, CLAIM MADE IN BERLIN

Overseas Agency Declares the Reports About Damage Are "Pure Inventions."

BERLIN, (by wireless to Sayville) March 17.—"Foreign newspapers are spreading reports that Essen (the home of the Krupp works) has been damaged badly by an attack by enemy aeroplanes, and that the railroad station at Essen has been attacked with bombs," says the Overseas News Agency.

"These reports are pure invention, as is stated by competent German authorities."

WINTER CRUISES TO WARMER CLIMES
All boats, all sizes, all lines, sailing, 15 to 25 days, to the West Indies, Brazil, Africa and Europe. The World Travel Bureau, 100 N. Y. City, Telephone BRADDOCK 3000.—Adv.

21 SAILORS SAVED AT SEA FROM LIFEBOAT; 7 ADRIFT

Wireless Describes Rescue of
Part of Sunken Kan-
nawha's Crew.

Wireless messages to the United Fruit Company from Capt. Walton Division of the steaming Santa Marta tell of the rescue at sea of twenty-one men in an open boat. The rescued seamen are members of the crew of the freight steamship Kanawha, which left New York March 11 and later loaded with coal at Norfolk for Rio Janeiro. Seven other members of the crew are adrift in a lifeboat and the Santa Marta and other vessels are searching for them.

The Santa Marta left New York Wednesday for Kingston, Jamaica, and Colon. About 9.30 o'clock last night the lookout sighted a floating signal burning and notified the commander. The Santa Marta's searchlight was directed at the floating signal, which burned from 100 to 150 feet above the water. The twenty-one men, half dead from exposure, were hoisted aboard the boat. Among the number was Capt. William A. Davidson of the Kanawha. He told Capt. Davidson his vessel had been caught in the blizzard a few days ago and sprang a leak, which could not be controlled by the pumps. The steamer sank almost immediately, and the crew put off in the lifeboat.

Capt. Davidson, speaking of the difficulty for the missing men, said that he sent out wireless messages to all steamers plying those waters to search for the seven missing sailors. The Kanawha went to the bottom Wednesday morning shortly after daylight. The sea was rough at the time and the weather exceedingly cold. W. J. O'Reilly, the third officer of the foundered steamer, was in charge of the missing lifeboat.

The accident to the Kanawha occurred in latitude 37.08 and longitude 72.42, about 130 miles to the eastward of Charleston.

COMMISSIONER WOODS ABOUT TO MARRY?

Report, He Will Not Deny, Says
Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton
Is to Be Bride.

Persistent rumors that Police Commissioner Arthur Woods was engaged to be married have been current among his close friends and his official attaches for some time. They became more definite this afternoon with the statement that his engagement to Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton, daughter of William Dawson Hamilton, was about to be announced.

Mr. Woods was asked if the story were true. He smiled and refused to answer the question or any other relating to the matter. The deputy commissioners also preserved silence. Those who have been in close touch with Mr. Woods and his movements recently gave full credence to the story.

Miss Hamilton is a granddaughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan and is barely twenty years old. Her father was for many years a member of the Morgan banking firm. She is the eldest of his five children and is an active member of Colonial Club. The Hamilton home is at No. 22 East Thirty-sixth Street.

WILSON SIGNS BILL FOR ARMY OF 120,000

Congress Resolution Raising National
Force Up to Full War
Strength.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson today signed the joint Congressional resolution authorizing the increase of the regular army to its full strength of approximately 120,000 men.

PERSHING CAMPS TO-NIGHT 45 MILES FROM BORDER; AIR FLEET IN VILLA HUNT

President Again Assured by U. S.
Consul Silliman of Carranza's Ap-
proval of Expedition—Mexicans
Threaten Near Del Rio, Tex.

SENATE UPHOLDS WILSON; GIVES PROMISE TO MEXICO

The American expeditionary force into Mexico has had no casualties or no clashes with Villistas to date, according to reports received to-day at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Gen. Funston's headquarters. There has been no instance of sniping reported.

Gen. Pershing's column is expected to reach Guzman to-night. Guzman is a railroad town forty-five miles south of where the troops crossed the line.

A force of 1,500 Carranzistas under Gen. Beltrani is expected to join Pershing at Guzman. Gen. Calles, Military Governor of Sonora, is also reported as co-operating with the invading United States forces.

An airship squadron of seven biplanes is now in advance of the troops. The airmen will point the way of Villa's retreat.

Villa was last reported south of Casas Grandes, making for the mountains. It is doubtful if he will make a fight. He is reported to be disbanding his men.

United States Consul Silliman, who is with Gen. Carranza, assured the President again to-day of the "First Chief's" full co-operation.

The situation along the border was still tense to-day, however. All along the frontier Americans were arriving from the interior of Mexico in fear of an uprising.

The Senate to-day unanimously adopted a resolution strongly upholding President Wilson and assuring Mexico that the punitive expedition would not be allowed to grow into intervention.

DEL RIO, Tex., March 17.—One hundred and fifty Mexicans, who organized across the border from Pinto, twenty miles east of here, yesterday, have moved inland, according to word reaching here to-day.

American guards have been redoubled along that section of the border. A detachment of United States troops was sent to the scene.

EL PASO, March 17.—For the first time in the history of warfare on this continent aeroplanes are in active service to-day in Mexico. United States army aviators, in swift biplanes, are hovering over the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains, 100 miles or more in advance of the American column seeking out the fleeing Villa and his army of bandits.

The aviators have accurate maps and information as to the various routes Villa must take to reach his haunts in the mountains of Chihuahua and Sonora. It is presumed that they are aided by wireless apparatus by which they may communicate their information at once to the forces in the field.

The airplane scouts are not provided with any weapons of offense. That boys' toy-like and rifles for use in case they should be forced to descend and are attacked. Reports that bombs are to be dropped from aeroplanes are ridiculous, for a very simple reason. The Mexican soldiers, descend and are attacked. Reports whether of the Villa faction or the